

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe and claim the subject matter, which applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 30, 35, 40 and 45 remain in this case. Claims 1-23 have been previously canceled. Claims 24-29, 31-34, 36-39, and 41-44 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 30, 35, 40, and 45 were objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if put into independent format.

Claims 24, 25, 27-29, 31, 33-34, 36, 38-39, 41 and 43-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugahara *et al.* (U.S. 6,567,554) in view of Ueda (U.S. 6,647,060). Claims 26, 32, 37, and 42 were rejected as above in further view of Chujoh *et al.* (U.S. 5,416,521).

The rejected claims have been canceled, and the claims to which the Examiner objected have been put into independent form, and thus should be allowable, as indicated by the Examiner.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 34168.

Respectfully submitted,
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